## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hirofumi MURATANI GAU:

SERIAL NO: NEW DIVISIONAL APPLICATION **EXAMINER:** 

FILED: **HEREWITH** 

CODE GENERATING METHOD AND UNIT THEREOF, CODE DETECTING METHOD AND UNIT FOR:

THEREOF, AND WATERMARK EMBEDDING UNIT AND WATERMARK DETECTING UNIT

## REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

## SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/658,565, filed September 8, 2000, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. **Date Filed**
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	MONTH/DAY/YEAR
Japan	11-280652	September 30, 1999
Japan	2000-016285	January 25, 2000
Japan	2000-263872	August 31, 2000

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/658,565 filed September 8, 2000
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed

☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)

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- - are submitted herewith
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Respectfully Submitted,

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